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Despite Jerusalem Mayor Teddy Kollek's refusal to show him the sites of the Capital, U.S. Secretary of the Treasury Michael Blumenthal, accompanied by American officials, yesterday took a look at the archaeological excavations at the Old City's Temple wall. (Elihu Harari)

gin pre-empts the sabre-rattlers

Jerusalem Post Reporter
Minister Menachem Begin uttered a forceful statement yesterday night, which would not be intimidated by war-like threats to act to defend itself — "and sometimes self is achieved by a counter-attack."

Addressing a counter-attack. The Prime Minister said, "since the context of the Prime Minister's words, 'since the context of the Prime Minister's words' is pre-emptive in itself." Begin, he said, sought to convince Sadat that sabre-rattling had been engaged in on Monday night of wringing further diplomatic concessions from

We in Israel do not threaten your country and wish well for the Egyptian people. Therefore, we do not want to counter threats with threats. But if "at any time" Egypt would seek to attack Israel "we will defend ourselves" with a "pre-emptive attack."

Addressing a congress of social workers in Jerusalem, Begin responded vigorously to heckling from Charlie Biton (Democratic Front.) In reference to remarks made recently by White House aide Robert Lipshutz, Begin stressed that Israel's existence is a conditional. Lipshutz was reported to have said this week that Israel's existence is conditional on recognition of the Palestinians' right to a homeland. "We will not hand over any part of Eretz Yisrael to those (the Palestinians) who not long ago wanted to annihilate 30,000 Christians in southern Lebanon," he said. (Sadat — page 4)

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Jerusalem Post Staff
ANIKRA. — Senior Israeli military officials met here yesterday for a second round of discussions following last month's

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PLO rejects Freij, Shawwa

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WASHINGTON. — Elias Freij, the Mayor of Bethlehem, and Rashad Shawwa, the Mayor of Gaza, would not be acceptable to the PLO to represent the Palestinians in a United Arab delegation at a reconvened Geneva peace conference. "The New York Times" reported yesterday.

Quoting an "authoritative source" close to the organization's leadership, the newspaper however said that several West Bank Palestinian leaders are respected by the PLO, including the following mayors: Fadi Kawas of Holon, Karim Khalaf of Ramallah, Bassem Shak'a of Nabulus, Hani Hamoun of Tulkarm, Ibrahim Tawil of El-Bireh, and Abdul-Aziz Swaid of Jericho.

The report said that the PLO is quietly canvassing Palestinians in the West Bank and Gaza Strip seeking people to serve on a possible delegation to Geneva. It said that the PLO would be willing to be represented by such a delegation on two conditions: that it get an invitation to the conference on an equal footing with other Arabs, and that a militant be appointed delegation chairman.

The newspaper said that this PLO position represents a small shift toward Israel, which has said that any West Bank and Gaza Strip Palestinian could attend the conference provided that he does not say he is representing the PLO.

Barak to continue as Attorney-General

Prof. Aharon Barak will stay on as Attorney-General for the foreseeable future — under new Justice Minister Shmuel Tamir, it has been reliably learned. The two men conferred informally in the Knesset on Monday, and met again yesterday when Tamir came to the ministry building in East Jerusalem to take up his post.

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New ministers assume duties

The four new DMC ministers assumed their posts yesterday. Deputy Prime Minister Yigael Yadin was warmly welcomed at the Prime Minister's Office by Premier Menachem Begin, who inquired colloquially about the physical arrangements being made to accommodate him.

The new Justice Minister, Shmuel Tamir, taking over from Deputy Minister Yoram Aridor, pledged action to cut down the judicial time lag.

At the Ministry of Social Welfare, Aridor handed over to Dr. Yisrael Katz, the new Minister of Labour and Social Betterment. Katz said that by improving social conditions we make renewed economic growth possible. At a ceremony at the Labour Ministry, Aridor again handed over to Katz.

At the General Post Office building in Jerusalem, Meir Amit assumed his post as Minister of Transport and Communications.

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Blumenthal stresses 'indefinite commitment' U.S. will help Israel reach economic goals

By SHLOMO MAOZ
Jerusalem Post Reporter
U.S. Secretary of the Treasury Michael Blumenthal said at a press conference in Jerusalem yesterday that the U.S. remains indefinitely committed to assist Israel achieve its economic goals.

Blumenthal also said that during his two-day visit to Israel, part of a comprehensive tour of several Middle East countries, he had discussed the question of future U.S. aid to Israel.

Israeli sources said that Blumenthal had promised that there is not only no intention of cutting U.S. aid to Israel, but that increased aid, above the 1976 level, is being considered. The U.S. Secretary also proffered his approval of the measures taken by the Government to improve Israel's economic situation and of the Government's intentions to increase the role of private enterprise.

Israeli sources also said Blumenthal mentioned that the Egyptian economy may face a breakdown within a few years, and that the U.S. will therefore have to help Egypt. According to Blumenthal, these sources said, there is a chance that the Middle East will see peace within three years. At the press conference, Blumenthal said that the U.S. is committed to promote peace in the area, in collaboration with Israel, and that many people in the area shared this desire for peace.

Finance Minister Simcha Ehrlich said that the talks with Blumenthal had been fruitful, and that the Treasury Secretary is a "real friend of Israel."

Shortly before this press conference, the two finance ministers signed a new agreement for the establishment of a \$50m. joint agricultural research and development fund. The new fund follows the \$60m. research and development fund for industry established a year and a half ago, and is intended to promote agricultural research in both countries. The new fund is expected to start operating in about a year, and will be within the

framework of the U.S.-Israel Joint Committee for Investment and Trade.

At the meetings of this committee, which took place yesterday and on Monday, the U.S. gave assurances that Israel will have access to raw materials and grains in the event of an emergency, that might require the imposition of U.S. export controls.

The committee also reaffirmed the importance of encouraging American businessmen to consider investment and licensing opportunities in Israel and the need to expand bilateral trade between the U.S. and Israel.

The committee agreed that a working group will meet in Israel from October 31 to November 4 to promote the mutual accreditation of laboratories in both countries for testing products. This will assist the mutual recognition of standards, product specifications and other regulations affecting trade between the two countries.

The committee also noted that Washington will help Israel to improve its marketing techniques so as to increase exports to the U.S. It also noted that Israel had been approved as a supplier to the U.S. Department of Defense. The latter, the committee's joint statement says, has encouraged its officials to explore the opportunities for procurement in Israel.

Blumenthal drops in on his kibbutznik-cousin

Jerusalem Post Staff
GIVAT HAIM (Ibnd). — U.S. Treasury Secretary Michael Blumenthal took an unofficial break from his official visit to the Middle East to spend a few hours with his kibbutznik-cousin here on Monday night.

After posing for photographers with his cousin, Arye David, and touring the kibbutz, Blumenthal went into David's home and the two men exchanged family news and reminisced about their boyhood together in Germany late into the night. Newsmen were excluded.

Washington seen persuading Arabs to accept paper

By DAVID LANDAU
Post Diplomatic Correspondent

The U.S. is believed to be exercising its powers of persuasion upon the Arab governments in order to convince them to accept the Vance-Dayton working paper, at least in principle. This belief was expressed by official sources in Jerusalem yesterday — somewhat hopefully — to explain why Israel has heard nothing as yet from Washington on the Arab response to the paper.

Some sources felt that Treasury Secretary Michael Blumenthal's Middle East tour might be seen, though it was planned much in advance, in the context of the American diplomatic initiative. The secretary was presumed to be making a strong effort, along with those of ambassadors in the area, and officials in Washington, to urge the Arabs to deliver a basically positive response to the working paper.

On the thorny question of PLO representation, the Americans are understood to be stressing to the Arabs that Israel simply will not yield on this, and so for the Arabs to remain adamant will effectively thwart the resumption of the conference. It would be better, the U.S. diplomats argue, to let the conference begin, and hope the problem works itself out in the course of the

deliberations.

Israel Television news last night had a "top Israeli official" expressing "cautious optimism" that the Geneva conference would yet be reconvened, as planned, during December. Other officials agreed that Israel had every right to be optimistic, since it had signed no paper with the U.S. and was entitled to assume that the U.S. had known and taken account of Arab positions when the paper was being drafted.

These officials repeated that Israel was not ruling out possible amendments in the wording — provided these amendments did not affect Israel's three fundamental principles: no PLO presence, no negotiation on a third state, and no automatic demand for total Israeli withdrawal.

Meanwhile, officials here firmly insist that the question of the chairmanship of the proposed working groups at Geneva has not been discussed between the U.S. and Israel. The denial followed a Jerusalem Post report yesterday from Washington that the U.S. "considering a compromise," whereby UN officials would chair the groups rather than Americans and Russians, as had originally been proposed. Israel was said to have balked at the original proposal.

Canadian FM due today

Post Diplomatic Correspondent

Canadian Foreign Minister Donald Jamieson is due in Jerusalem early this afternoon for a four-day official visit. He will visit Egypt next week. Officials in Ottawa were quoted yesterday as saying their minister hoped to nudge the two countries a little closer to the peace table, urging both of them to show flexibility on the procedural problems now blocking progress to Geneva.

Mr. Jamieson said a month ago that Canada can "exert a considerable amount of influence" on Israel because of the long record of friendship between the two nations. "We have credit notes in the Middle East that we may be able to cash in," he said.

Underlining the record of friendship with Israel, the minister told the UN General Assembly last month: "We deplore...all efforts to diminish the status and rights within the UN or as a legitimate member of the world community."

Jamieson is to meet with Premier Begin, Foreign Minister Dayan and Defence Minister Weizman during his visit. He will also be the lunch guest of Prof. Moshe Arens, Chairman of the Knesset Foreign Affairs and Defence Committee, and will meet with many other politicians of all parties at two dinners in his honour.

He will spend the weekend visiting the north of the country — and especially the Canadian contingent with UNDOF on the Golan Heights.

Israel sources pointed to Canada's current membership of the UN Security Council (until January 1979) as lending her particular weight and influence on the international stage.

The sources expected Jamieson to stress both here and in Cairo his country's basic support for the American peace effort, a position being consistently taken now by virtually all Western statesmen. In his UN address the Canadian minister noted that "all of us are hoping that present initiatives will prove successful..."

The minister will be heading an impressively heavyweight party, including the chairman of the parliamentary foreign affairs and defence committee, Marcel Fournier, and three other MPs, Under-Secretary of State deputy minister A.E. Gotlib, and other aides. Some two dozen newsmen will also be accompanying him.

He is the fourth Canadian minister to visit Israel since Premier Trudeau himself was here in late summer of 1976.

From Israel, Jamieson will fly to Spain and Greece, returning to the Middle East towards the end of next week for his stay in Egypt where he hopes to meet with President Sadat.

Khaddam hints Iraq ordered murder bid

DAMASCUS. — Syrian Foreign Minister Abdel-Halim Khaddam yesterday accused another Arab country — presumably Iraq — of plotting an assassination attempt against him in which a United Arab Emirates government minister died.

Khaddam cut short a tour of Gulf states and returned to Damascus after he came under fire from a gunman at Abu Dhabi airport shot and killed UAE Deputy Foreign Minister Saif Bin Ghobash yesterday.

The Syrian minister said "the clique" that tried to kill him had been sent by an Arab capital. He did not say which one, but Iraq, in its long-time feud with Syria, is believed to have sponsored attempts on Khaddam's life on at least two previous occasions.

There was no official information as of last night about the identity of the gunman or his motives, but unconfirmed reports said he was a Palestinian.

Ghobash had gone to the airport to say goodbye to Khaddam, who had arrived in Abu Dhabi the previous day during a tour of Arab countries.

Eyewitnesses said the gunman, perched on a balcony inside the airport building, fired on the two ministers as they were about to enter the VIP lounge.

According to the Middle East News Agency, Khaddam dived for

cover under a nearby staircase, but Ghobash, a 40-year-old father of four children, fell bleeding to the floor and later died of his wounds at a military hospital. His funeral was set for today.

MENA said Khaddam's bodyguards opened fire on the gunman, but missed. Eleven bullet holes were found in the glass door to the VIP lounge.

The MENA correspondent, who witnessed the shooting, said the gunman fled from his firing position, swapped shots with pursuing police and escaped onto the tarmac through the airport restaurant.

He said the man took seven hostages as he fled and herded them in the direction of a parked Czechoslovak cargo jet, which was surrounded by security forces.

After 90 minutes of negotiations and a threat by Abu Dhabi security forces to open fire, the gunman surrendered and the hostages were freed.

Khaddam conferred with Emirates Foreign Minister Ahmed Khalifa al-Suwaidi before leaving on a special jet to Damascus, cutting short his Gulf tour. The Foreign Minister had already visited Saudi Arabia, Kuwait and the Emirates and had planned to continue on to Qatar and Bahrain.

Apparently as an extra security precaution, Khaddam's own plane returned to the Syrian capital empty.

Before the Foreign Minister left, Emirates officials handed him a slip of paper believed to contain the gunman's name.

An organization calling itself "Black Panther" — after the June 1978 Syrian military intervention against the Palestinians in Lebanon — claimed responsibility for last December's attempt on Khaddam's life.

Syria, however, maintained that Iraq, ruled by a rival faction of the Arab Ba'ath Socialist Party, was behind the attempt on Khaddam and several killings and attempted assassinations in Syria during the past 18 months.

Syria has meanwhile become reconciled with the mainstream Palestinian organizations and is championing the cause of their full representation at a resumed Geneva peace conference.

But it is still opposed by Iraq and "reactionist" groups of Palestinians who see any attempt to reach an accommodation with Israel as a sellout of the Palestinian cause. (Reuters, UPI)



Foreign Minister Saif bin Ghobash, of the United Arab Emirates, who was killed by a gunman at Abu Dhabi airport yesterday. (UPI telephoto)

Terror wave continues as Schleyer is buried

ROME. — The terror wave triggered by the Baader-Meinhof triple prison deaths continued yesterday with the kneecap shooting of a Christian Democratic city councillor and an attack on a German car showroom.

The two German schools in Rome have been shut down "as a precaution," following the telephone threats to kill the West German ambassador and warnings to German diplomats and their families to leave the country.

Schools director Alois Oberberger said: "This is a precaution, although I cannot imagine children being attacked. The schools are closed until November 2."

The kneecapping came early yesterday as Turin Councillor Antonio Cocozello, 47, left home on his teaching job. He said: "A tall fair woman and a chubby dark man pointed pistols at me. I cannot be sure but I think only the man fired."

Two bullets lodged in his kneecap, another in his leg and a fourth grazed his stomach in the second such attack on a Christian Democratic councillor in three days.

After gunmen fired eight bullets into the legs and chest of a Milan Christian Democratic councillor on Sunday, an anonymous telephone caller said the attack was to avenge the Baader-Meinhof deaths, officially described as suicide.

In Rome during the night two firebombs hurled at a Volkswagen dealership smashed the show window and damaged a car in the latest of a series of attacks on West German cars and other business buildings in Italy since the Baader-Meinhof gang deaths.

In Paris, a bomb explosion destroyed the offices of the French Magistrates Trade Union yesterday and officials said the blast was the first attack of rightist "counter-terrorists" hostile to the Baader-Meinhof extreme leftists.

The bomb smashed the offices minutes before the arrival of employees of the union, formed by left-leaning judges who have been condemned by former Justice Minister Joseph Fontanet as "red magistrates."

Officials expressed concern that France might enter a cycle of rightist extremism responding to extreme leftist terrorism. The liberation of the Luftwaffe hostages, the death of Andreas Baader and his comrades and the murder of kidnapped West German business leader Hanns-Martin Schleyer have been followed by a wave of leftist violence in which a number of German buses and business offices have been attacked.

The latest blast came on the heels of reports that a West German "anti-terrorist brigade" with connections in France has killed two of the 16 extremists wanted for Schleyer's assassination.

Fearing street violence, Paris police banned a planned rightist rally in front of the West German Embassy, called for today to support Bonn's fight against the Baader-Meinhof group, as well as an extreme leftist counter-demonstration.

In the Nancy region, police with dogs scoured the countryside to check reports from the self-styled "anti-terrorist brigade" that the body of one of the slain German extremists had been dumped near a brook.

Police investigators in Alsace,

further to the east, meanwhile intensified their search for the possible hiding place where the kidnappers kept Schleyer before his murder.

French Interior Minister Christian Bonnet flew to Stuttgart to represent the French Government at Schleyer's funeral, after which he was to hold strategy talks with German officials coordinating the two countries' anti-terrorist crackdown.

Some 500 armed policemen and marksmen were posted on surrounding rooftops for the funeral, which was attended by the entire West German cabinet, Schleyer's family, and scores of friends and associates.

Police sealed off the modern St. Eusebius church and thousands of people, and the streets thronged outside listening to the services over loudspeakers.

Delivering the eulogy, West German President Walter Scheel called on governments to unite in stamping out terrorism. He said the gang who shot Schleyer were "barbarians... enemies of every civilization."

The period since the kidnapping in Cologne on September 5 had been "the worst in the history of the Federal Republic," he said. (UPI, Reuters)

Surviving hijacker reportedly from Haifa.

MOGADISHU (Reuters). — The woman hijacker who survived the stormy landing of the plane here last week is an Arab who was born in Haifa, Arab diplomats said yesterday.

The woman, who is in Mogadishu hospital recovering from a bullet wound in the thigh, has told Somali police she is a member of the ultra-left wing of the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine.

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Nahariye	43	13-26	25
Rafat	34	13-19	19
Haifa Port	48	16-25	25
Tiberias	28	13-26	27
Nazareth	37	8-25	26
Afula	18	14-28	21
Shomron	18	16-22	21
Tel Aviv	32	10-24	25
B-C Airport	21	12-26	25
Joricho	58	13-23	24
Gaza	—	9-24	26
Beerzheba	23	18-25	26
Eilat	14	20-29	29
Tiran Straits	26	—	28

SOCIAL & PERSONAL

Mrs. Nina Katar, wife of the President, yesterday received Princess Prem Purachatra of Thailand, the World President of the International Council of Women, and Mrs. Khunying Sumalee Charkitavani, President of the National Council of Women of Thailand and Chairman of the Thai-Israel Friendship Group, together with Mrs. Channal Bergmann, Chairman of the Council of Women's Organizations in Israel. Mrs. Katar also yesterday launched the activities to be held in connection with Children's Week, 1978, when she entertained to tea wives of members of the Diplomatic Corps and enlisted their help.

African and Asian delegates to the international seminar on community work, now taking place in Haifa, yesterday called on Knesset Speaker Yitzhak Shnitzer. Deputy Knesset Speaker Shoshana Arbel-Almouhino entertained the delegates to luncheon.

The Ambassador of the Republic of Panama, Elio V. Ortiz, yesterday paid a farewell visit to Jerusalem Mayor Teddy Kollek. On Monday, Mayor Kollek presented Mrs. Aya Dinstein, outgoing chairman of the World Wizo Executive, with the Jerusalem Medal in appreciation of her services to the city, at a farewell reception given by Jerusalem Wizo.

Rabbi Rubin Dobin, international chairman of "Operation Recognition," will speak on the recognition of Magen David Adom by the International Red Cross, at the Haifa Rotary Club, Nov Hotel, at 1 o'clock today.

Dr. Amram Miller will speak on the aborigines of Australia at the weekly meeting of the Jerusalem Rotary Club at 1 o'clock today, at the YMCA.

Dr. Martin Hart of Detroit, Michigan, visiting Haifa, yesterday visited the Haifa University where he was received by its President, Prof. Emmanuel Rackman. Dr. Hart was shown round the Department of Life Sciences and the Response Project. (Communicated).

ARRIVALS

Sir John Keadrew, Nobel Laureate, for a meeting of the Weizmann Institute's Board of Governors, being held next week in Rehovot.

DEPARTURES

Yitzhak Moda'i, Minister of Energy and Infrastructure, for the U.S. on an Israeli Bonds mission.

Dr. Maurice A. Jaffe, Executive Chairman of Bechal Shomo and President of the Union of Jewish Synagogues, for the U.S. and Europe to organize the Fourth World Conference of Synagogues and Kehillot.

Austrian minister here for five-day visit

BEN GURION AIRPORT (Jtm). — Austria's Minister of Commerce and Industry Josef Starzhacher, said on his arrival here yesterday that Austria has not yet decided on the purchase of Kfir fighter planes from Israel. Austria's new Minister of Defence has his views of the country's defence needs, he said, and added that he has no power to influence the matter.

He was met at the airport by Minister of Industry and Commerce Yigal Hurvitz, with whom he will hold talks on political and industrial ties between the two countries.

With deep sorrow we announce the death of our dear mother, mother-in-law and grandmother

Johanna Rosa Roet-Prins

The funeral will leave from the municipal funeral parlour at 5 Rehov Daphna today, October 26, 1977 at 3 p.m. for the Kiryat Shaul cemetery.

Joseph, Avraham and Norma, Aharon, Haim and Naomi and grandchildren; Vardit, Ben, Shlomo, David, Asaf, Avigail, Yoav and family.

Shiva will be at 174 Rehov Hayarkon, Tel Aviv

On the eighth anniversary of the passing of our dear mother and sister

SPRINZA (Steffa) TAIC

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There will be a memorial meeting at her grave in the Kiryat Shaul Cemetery on Friday, October 28, 1977, at 11.30 a.m.

We shall meet at the cemetery gate.

'Holocaust debunkers aiming at Israel's right to exist'

Knesset will debate anti-Semitism

By MOSHE KOHN
Post Knesset Reporter

With the agreement of Foreign Minister Moshe Dayan, the Knesset yesterday, without opposition, decided to hold a full-dress debate on the rising tide of anti-Semitic manifestations throughout the world, and in Germany in particular.

Dayan announced his agreement to such a debate in his reply to three urgent motions by Chaike Grosman (Alignment), Assaf Yaguri (Democratic Movement for Change), and Hillel Seidel (Likud).

Grosman spoke of the Foreign Ministry's "inaction" in the face of the growing number of books (he enumerated 70), many of them purported scholarly works by university teachers, "proving" that the Holocaust never happened but had been invented by the Jews with the purpose of extorting support for Israel by making the world feel guilty. The ultimate aim of the Holocaust-debunkers, she said, was

to deprive Israel of any moral justification to exist.

Instead of occupying ourselves with efforts to merge Holocaust Remembrance Day observances with those of Tisha Be'av, she said, we should mobilize all our resources in an effort to rouse the world against this rehabilitation of Hitler and Nazism.

As Grosman made her way back to her seat from the podium, Prime Minister Menachem Begin rose towards her and gripped her hand warmly.

Yaguri dwelt on the recent incident at the military academy in Munich, where a group of cadets lit a bonfire and threw into it slaps of paper with "Jew" written on them. In the light of this incident, he said, we should reconsider our relations with West Germany. The German people's sense of guilt for what it did during the Hitler period seems to have waned, and the world should not be surprised if we are still sensitive on the subject.

Yaguri said that as one born and bred in this country (Grosman and Seidel both are Holocaust survivors and ex-partisans) he too did not wish to forget the Holocaust. The world's silence in the face of the rising tide of anti-Semitism gave cause for concern.

Seidel pointed to examples of anti-Semitic resurgence in various countries, specifically listing Austria, Britain, the U.S., the Soviet Union, Italy, West Germany, and Quebec Province in Canada. He noted the revival of the Nazi "selection principle" in the recent airplane hijackers. The free world, he said, has disgraced itself by remaining silent again, as it did during the Hitler period.

In his reply, Dayan listed the things that Israel and Jewish organizations abroad were doing on the subject, but he welcomed the opportunity to have the Knesset discuss further action.

Dayan tells Knesset:

'Israel moves on terror could backfire'

By ASHER WALLFISH
Jerusalem Post Knesset Reporter

Foreign Minister Moshe Dayan yesterday got the Coalition steamroller to strike off the Knesset agenda a motion by Gideon Hausner (Independent Liberals) calling for an Israeli initiative to bring about an international convention against terror.

Dayan explained the Government's negative stand on the grounds that international action against terror had not helped much so far, and that in any case Western countries did not want Israel as a co-sponsor.

The Foreign Minister revealed that only yesterday he had told U.S. Ambassador Samuel Lewis that Israel takes strong objection to the request of the American delegation at the UN that it keep its hands off international initiatives against terror.

He reported that Austrian diplomats at the UN had told Israel it was unwanted as a co-sponsor, because Israel's presence would only raise Arab ire.

Dayan told the Knesset that Israeli involvement in international moves against terrorism would backfire, and that Israel did not need to chalk up such defeats at this time.

Other Knesset factions which had tabled motions like Hausner's had agreed to withdraw them. But Hausner had refused to do so, Dayan complained.

He said that in the past the Arabs had torpedoed most UN initiatives against terror.

Dayan complained that only three of the 45 proposals Israel submitted last year to the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) to protect civil aviation were accepted.

After the Lufthansa hijacking this month, he said, Israel had again asked the ICAO to summon a conference against hijacking.

Hausner said in his motion that action through the UN was useless. Instead, Israel should work for multilateral and bilateral agreements between nations against terror. These should provide for cooperation in the rescue of hostages and in the arrest of hijackers; exchange of information about terrorist plots; mutual aid between secret services; and denial of aviation rights to countries that harbour terrorists or hijackers.

Shulamit Aloni (CRM), moving that the motion be referred to committee, said that despite Israel's repeated failure to get international action, it should keep trying. But the Coalition majority voted down her motion as well.

Dayan: Israel won't withdraw army from Jordan, accept PLO

By AARON SITNER
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Israel does not oppose the idea of Palestinian Arabs having their own homeland, the Foreign Minister said. "But you cannot turn back the clock. They could have had a state of their own under the 1947 UN Partition Plan. But they rejected it and we had to go to war."

The reason the PLO is now pushing for a state in the West Bank is that the terrorist organization wants a "springboard from which to launch a war on Israel, so they could get what they are really after: A Palestinian state stretching from the Mediterranean Sea to the Jordan River."

The four-day Orit meeting, which closes tonight, marks the 50th anniversary of the Women's American unit. This is the largest Orit constituent in the worldwide network, with 135,000 members in 1,073 chapters throughout the U.S. Members raise approximately \$3m. a year to support Orit vocational schools throughout the world. Most of the Orit schools are in Israel.

Dayan, addressing the 24th biennial convention of Women's American Orit at Jerusalem's Binyanei Ha'oma, declared: "We are not hardliners. We are responsible people — responsible for the future of the Jewish State."

"We Jews have suffered too many disasters in the course of our history. Sure, it would be very easy now to pack up and withdraw (from the West Bank). In fact, the world would applaud such a move and our friends would commend us. But, unfortunately, we Jews have learned we must depend on our own efforts rather than on our friends."

Knesset makes law of bills on burglary, Civil Defence

Jerusalem Post Reporter

The Knesset yesterday voted into law a bill tightening civil defence regulations and another expanding the authority of the magistrates courts in dealing with burglary.

The first bill, presented by Dr. Zerah Warhaftig on behalf of the Foreign Affairs and Defence Committee, tightens the provisions of the existing Civil Defence Law about the responsibilities of home owners and tenants in maintaining bomb shelters.

The second bill presented by the chairman of the Constitution, Legislation and Law Committee, David Glass, empowers the magistrate courts to hear trials on charges of burglary, provided that they will not pass sentences of more than three years' imprisonment.

In presenting the second bill, Glass noted that the crimes covered by the bill would constitute more than one third of the criminal proceedings brought before the district courts, as

a result of which it takes an inordinately long time before criminals are brought to justice. About 91 per cent of convictions for breaking and burglary carry sentences of less than three years, the average being one year, although the law permits maximum sentences of 5-7 years.

Glass called for overhauling the courts' structure, and called on the country's judges to deal more severely with the ever-rising tide of crime.

Bezalel governors to discuss differences

By SUSAN BELLOS
Jerusalem Post Reporter

The Board of Governors of the Bezalel Academy of Arts and Design is to meet this afternoon in Jerusalem to discuss what has been referred to as "washing dirty linen in public."

This is in reaction to the recent publicity in the media over the mounting conflicts between the Pins Arts Department and the Academy's director, Dan Hoffman. The department head, Dedi Ben-Shaul, a Jerusalem artist, accused Hoffman last week both on television and in the press of being "neither an artist nor an educator."

Ben-Shaul, who contends that both painting and painters are being severely discriminated against at Bezalel in favour of design and conceptual art, is going to be asked to apologize for some of his remarks, it is learned.

If Ben-Shaul, who, among other things, described Hoffman as "a big nothing" to the Jerusalem Post, decides not to do so, he may be forced to resign, a Board of Governors source told The Post yesterday.

Ben-Shaul also claims that he has been threatened with being ousted, and that the department will be closed down altogether. These accusations have been discounted by a member of the board.

However, two well-known painters, Shlomo Vitkin and Avraham Otker, have not been required this year and Ben-Shaul claims that this is part of a deliberate policy against figurative painting and the promotion of genuine Israeli art. The board members said that the various departments have different conceptions of Bezalel's role: whether to train painters or create artists.

Flomin: Subsidies cuts mean only 1½% c-o-l rise

Jerusalem Post Knesset Reporter

Deputy Finance Minister Yehozkel Flomin said yesterday that the cuts in subsidies on staple commodities planned by the government would cause a rise in the cost of living of one-and-a-half per cent only in 1977, and of two-and-a-half per cent in 1978.

Flomin was replying to three motions for the agenda by opposition factions, all of which were voted down.

Natfali Feder (Alignment) said in his motion that salary earners should get cost of living increase compensation every three months. Charlie Biton (Democratic Front) said the rich do not care about cuts in the subsidies because they dine out "shrimp and smoked salmon" anyway. Meir Pa'il (Shelli) said the Treasury would pay more to bond holders on account of the rise in the index, than it would save from cutting the subsidies.

Sportoto pools

earn IL\$8m.

The Sportoto football pools earned IL\$1,680,000 in the first six months of this year, deputy Finance Minister Yehozkel Flomin told the Knesset yesterday.

Last year it earned more than IL\$147m., he said in reply to a parliamentary question by Shoshana Arbel-Almouhino (Alignment).

Tallest chimney in country 'will ruin skyline'

Target for new Shaare Zedek: November 1978

By JUDY SIEGEL
Jerusalem Post Reporter

The staff of Jerusalem's Shaare Zedek Hospital yesterday started a year-long countdown that they hope will end in November 1978 with the opening of their new 100,000-square-metre medical centre opposite Mount Herzl.

Batchee of Jerusalemites and tourists were led during the day through corridors strewn with building materials and past walls and ceilings gaping with wiring and air.

Although the still-hare interior leaves much to the imagination, various pavilions and wards are already marked with permanent signs in honour of their donors.

Since 1975, over \$13m. of the estimated \$42m. cost of the hospital has been collected in individual contributions. The rest comes from Israel Government matching funds, and from U.S. bank loans guaranteed by the government because some of the matching funds have not yet been paid. The U.S. Government has granted \$5m. for a clinic in memory of Emma Lazarus (the American-Jewish poetess) and a nursing school.

The 70-year-old Shaare Zedek building — recognized by the municipality as an official landmark — and a number of pre-fab structures in Jaffa Road will be vacated a year from now. The hospital's directors have still not decided what they will do with the historic edifice, but a day-hospital is one possibility.

The old 380-bed Shaare Zedek has recently been bolstered by extra staff and departments so that the transition and move to the new site will be easier.

"Shaare Zedek has sent a special team to England for several weeks to study the British system of hospital moving," said Paul Wimpfheimer, assistant to the director-general, on a tour for reporters. Designed by architects Brutkus and Schenberger, the Bayit Vegan centre consists of a 10-storey main hospital (three floors built below street level but open to light and air), parking for 500 vehicles, eight smaller buildings connected throughout by interior passages, a



Deputy Prime Minister Yigal Yadin (left) introduces his secretary, Maya Bailey, to Prime Minister Menachem Begin. (Rahamim Yisraeli)

Livni reports on Council of Europe

Jerusalem Post Knesset Reporter

Likud MK Eitan Livni said yesterday that Israel must not rely on any particular social, ideological or class groups represented in the Council of Europe, but should maintain contacts with all its members.

Livni was reporting to the plenum on his attendance at the Council of Europe this month, along with Alignment MK Shlomo Hillel, and on their successful efforts to win support for a pro-Israel resolution, countering a hostile resolution sponsored by 21 Socialist parliamentarians from several member-states.

He noted that Israel has many friends among European parliamentarians and plenty of support in European public opinion. But these friends must be looked for and personal contact maintained with them.

Livni and Hillel attended the Council session at Strasbourg for the first time, as observers.

Siniavsky, in praise of roots

By EMMANUEL FRATT
Special to Jerusalem Post

"You might find it difficult to strike roots in your new ground — but at least you have the ground to strike roots in," exiled Soviet writer Andrei Siniavsky told some 500 Russian-speaking Israelis at the Hebrew University's Canada Hall yesterday.

"We, on the other hand, live in the air and sort of dream of ourselves," he said, referring to himself and his fellow Soviet exiles now living in the West.

Siniavsky, who is here on a one-month visit as the guest of the Jerusalem Municipality, described the West as "a busy beehive of people with a purposeful life," compared with the Soviet Union, which is

"a tightly tied sack where the disperse to all the winds where are set free."

He expressed his frustration sometimes his amusement, meeting with his compatriot, White Russian emigrant in Pa "who don't seem to have realized that the Soviets are in Russia."

"They still think that the Russian continues to believe in and that with a wave of the wand, the Tsarist paradise is restored," he said, to a laughter in the auditorium.

During his stay here, Siniavsky said he has been impressed also by the intertwining of different cultures to produce a single pa

Chief security officer of Education Ministry: Parents' guard-duty in kindergartens to stop

The Chief Security Officer of the Education Ministry announced yesterday that guard-duty by parents in kindergartens will be discontinued. He added that the Ministry is looking "for alternatives."

The decision, if implemented, will not change the de facto situation in many kindergartens, where guard-duty has already quietly been dropped this year.

The officer's statement has not been confirmed by the Ministry spokesman, who merely said that the subject is under review.

The idea was first brought up six months ago by Ze'ev Katz, the chairman of the Haifa municipality's security department. Katz pointed out that the present system is ineffective because many parents fail to turn up. The system makes it difficult for parents of children who attend small kindergartens since they may have to perform guard-duty up to twice a month.

There is a great deal of discussion in educational circles about how kindergartens should be guarded. Many teachers feel that the present system of an unarmed parent sitting at the gate all morning is futile, while others reject the idea proposed by former Minister of Education Aharon Yadin of arming teachers with guns. One idea mooted recently in the "Tel Aviv" Union journal "Tefach" was to post armed

eleventh and twelfth grade members outside the kindergarten. Meanwhile, in schools kindergartens yesterday, Haifarcians went off generally on Children according to age from a few minutes to up to an hour in school shelters. Teachers given general guidelines about to prepare their classes for the which went off at 11 a.m., but ed explanations were left to teacher's own initiative.

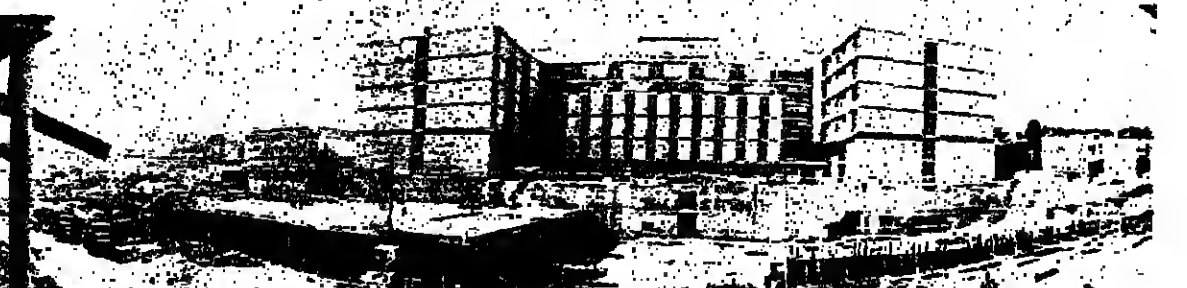
Hammer answers of Border Police unit

Education Minister Ze Hammer, in his capacity as Interior Minister, told the K yesterday that the Border unit in Kiryat Arba is "no private army."

He was replying to a parliamentary question pre-empted by "Hammer" at National Religious Party Col. Rabbi Haim Druckman.

The Alignment's Yosef Se due to raise the subject to motion for the agenda, and pected to charge that Gush Etzion is packing the unit with its pathfinders.

Hammer apparently will deflect the charges by initial question and replying to it day.



The new Shaare Zedek medical centre, under construction.

day-care centre for employees' children, and a number of outpatient clinics.

The top floor of the main building, licensed only recently, will contain a geriatrics community centre, while the lowest floor will include space for a 250-bed emergency hospital that could operate under conditions of atomic, bacteriological, and chemical warfare. About 350 beds have been approved for the regular hospital, but there is room for 170 more.

The Jerusalem Municipality spokesman told The Jerusalem Post yesterday that Shaare Zedek deserves credit for "building everything according to the law and obtaining all necessary licences" despite the complexity of the project, which could compete with the planning problems of a small city.

But one feature of the hospital complex has created an uproar among Bayit Vegan residents, who have, since last Thursday, been watching the construction of what

will be the largest and tallest chimney in Israel. A planned steel chimney, 35-metre-tall, was approved to emit waste gases from the complex. But an ecology team from the Technion and the Health Ministry, which took wind tests and collected data for months, recommended that the chimney be 75 metres high. The local planning commission will meet today to grant a licence for the chimney.

Workers have been toiling around the clock pouring cement for the 70-metre column; any interruption in the work, they explain, would cause cracking.

But neighbours complain that the chimney will stand 30 metres higher than the hospital roof and ruin the skyline. Shaare Zedek officials argue that it would be cheaper not to build one, but that they must construct it to prevent pollution of the

area. Among the innovations in the hospital are a planned dental unit to provide some of the and perhaps air-conditioning installation of Jerusalem's first (computerized axial tomography) scanner. Built by Elscint, it scans x-rays of bodies from any angle.

The Technological Institute Halaich Problems has helped hospital install systems that prevent avoidable deersat Shabbat and holidays.

Shaare Zedek's administrator who refer to it as "the hospital heart" are concerned whether they can maintain the "small touch" in the massive plan. They are considering to an ombudsman for each floor hospital, to whom patients can could submit complaints.

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on their fiftieth anniversary and wishes them enjoyable visits to the many JDC-assisted ORT institutions in Israel. JDC is proud of its partnership with ORT in its standing work in Israel and throughout the world.

Apology to Readers

The Jerusalem Post apologizes to readers who did not receive the paper yesterday, or who received their paper late. This was due to a production breakdown.

Aviv changes 'Broom Law' Failure to sweep a clean sidewalk may not be illegal

By SARAH HONIG
Jerusalem Post Reporter

AVIV. — Attempts are being made by the municipality to prevent merchants' strike scheduled for Monday by moderating the law limiting them to sweep the sidewalks outside their stores. The law, which took effect on October 1, obliges storekeepers to sweep the sidewalks during three half-hour periods during the day.

The municipal inspector, keeping in a particular street, can fine a storekeeper who during the stipulated half hour did not sweep the sidewalk and sweep his section of the sidewalk.

The law has outraged the merchants, who say that some of the sweeping is being done by the municipality itself. Others argue that limiting the sweeping to a particular half hour is not fair since they may have customers at that time.

According to municipal sources, the law may now be amended so that inspectors would only check the sidewalks during the half hour when the merchants are not sweeping. Failure to sweep a clean sidewalk would not be a crime, but a civil offense. Under the proposed amendment the storekeepers would

be given a full hour three times a day in which to fulfill their sweeping duties.

This, the municipal spokesman told *The Jerusalem Post* is as far as the municipality would go. But this may not be far enough for the merchants, many of whom demand repeal of the law altogether. Mayor Shlomo Lahat insists that repeal is entirely out of the question.

The incoherent merchants, in addition to calling a business strike next Monday, also plan to hold a demonstration outside City Hall. And they may even set up their own list to run in the next municipal elections for the "Broom Law" remains on the books.

Mayor Lahat plans to try friendly persuasion by sending female college students from store to store with folders and words of explanation about the law. It is hoped that what was not achieved by the get-tough tactics of city inspectors will be accomplished by a co-ed's smile.

The matter has become a hot issue within Lahat's own Liberal faction of the Likud coalition whose power base is the business community. The Liberals may soon deliberate the matter, as will the City Executive. Much of the effort to reach a compromise with the merchants is now being conducted through the Liberal Party.

Jaffa is smooth under Dizengoff underpass

Jerusalem Post Reporter

AVIV. — Traffic yesterday smoothly under the elevated Dizengoff underpass, as the new underpass opened to vehicles for the first time.

Drivers did not know their way, but no snarls developed. The Dizengoff underpass replaces a circular road where heavy traffic and great numbers of cars were constantly in each other's way.

Access to the elevated underpass will now be possible through a set of ramps connected directly to the widened sidewalk, so that

passers-by and vehicles will no longer come into contact.

Proprietors of stores situated directly around the circle complained yesterday that the elimination of the circular road and the creation of a wide plaza in its place, makes unloading of merchandise difficult. City inspectors were busy explaining yesterday just how and where such unloading may be done.

The municipality has meanwhile asked several well-known sculptors to submit designs for a new fountain, which will stand in the centre of the circle.

**Body objects to
of Wakf money**

World Organization of Jews in Arab Lands has called on the government not to yield to "banda and blackmail" by those that are demanding the governmental control over the Wakf (religious trust fund). The organization notes that the Wakf funds of the Jewish community trusts are much less than the Wakf's money. The organization demands that the government should not consider giving control of the Wakf until Jews in Arab countries have compensated their confiscated property. The Jewish religious trust has asked the government control of the Wakf funds was used by Haj Amin al-Fatah to support terrorist activities.

**Injured tourist flown
back to Switzerland**

BERNE. — A Swiss tourist, injured in a car accident on her way here earlier this month, has been flown home in a Swiss Air Rescue flying ambulance in a direct flight to Geneva. The white Lear jet, named the Albert Schweitzer, was dispatched especially to Elit to pick up Denise Richer.

The \$7,500 cost of the flight was covered, entirely, by the woman's travel insurance.

Fugitive brought home

HAIFA (Itim). — Shlomo Ben-Zion, a fugitive from justice who was due to testify as a central prosecution witness in an extortion trial was returned late on Monday night from Holland by a Haifa police officer. He was arrested by Dutch police by Israeli request.



Dead, drunk or dreaming, it doesn't seem to matter. We're on our lunch hour and still have more shopping to do.
(Rahamin Yisraeli)

Police action averts teachers' strike in Hatikva Quarter

Jerusalem Post Staff

TEL AVIV. — Several police ambushes outside Hatikva Quarter schools have brought to a halt a rash of vandalism and looting in and around the schools. A strike planned for today by teachers, protesting against thefts and destruction of school property in this quarter, was called off.

From the beginning of the year, school property was being almost systematically damaged in the quarter. Teachers each morning would discover window panes

shattered and playground equipment destroyed.

To make matters worse, audiovisual teaching equipment had begun to disappear, and some schools could not continue with their educational television lessons. In other schools, tape recorders and record players were missing.

Two weeks ago, the Histadrut Teachers' Union declared a labour dispute against the municipality and the Ministry of Education because of repeated burglaries and acts of vandalism in Hatikva Quarter schools.

Results as expected: National Basketball League season opens

Jerusalem Post Sports Reporter

The opening round of the National Basketball League's first Division ended on Monday night with victories by all the teams which were expected to win, and marked improvement by some of last year's weaker squads.

European and League champions Tel Aviv Maccabi displayed their strength in their devastating 124-86 triumph over South Tel Aviv Maccabi. Jim Eastwright led the way with 29 points followed by Mickey Berkowitz with 16. Joseph Leja was tops for the losers with 21 points.

Ramat Gan Hapoel had some trouble in the first half with a much improved Afula Hapoel team before it could break away to a 42-33 half-time lead, and finally to a 92-73 triumph. The game at Kibbutz Ma'agan 2000, saw both teams miss easy chances under the basket.

In a game played Sunday night in Mithmar Ha'emek, Gvat Yagur Hapoel scraped past a feisty Ramat Gan Maccabi team. The visitors from Ramat Gan were ahead by two at half-time but fell behind after the intermission. In the last minute they

managed to pull within one point of their rivals, 71-70, before David Goren, a 17-year-old high school student sank two jump shots making the final score 76-70. David's brother, Or, led all scorers with 23 points.

Halifa Hapoel, playing its first game in the top league after a year's absence, started out on the right foot beating Tel Aviv Elitzur 91-69.

Haifa's other first league team, Maccabi, journeyed to Kibbutz Na'an to play against Givat Brenner. Na'an to play against Givat Brenner as well, losing 75-53. Neither team played especially well and it appears that both are candidates for relegation to the second division.

Due to European Cup play Tel Aviv Hapoel played their League game last week heating Tel Aviv Betar 97-65.

Tel Aviv Hapoel face an important test tonight in Athens when they face Olympiakos in the revenge game after last week's 79-80 win over the Greeks. If Hapoel wins, or loses by less than 19 points, they advance to the next round to play against Sludinye of Bologna, Italy.

Owner of Acre disaster launch jailed for year

HAIFA (Itim). — The owner and operator of the excursion boat Nuri, which capsized off Acre last Independence Day killing eight people was yesterday sentenced to a year's imprisonment by the District Court here.

Robert Shusmou, 47, was found guilty of causing the death of eight of his 72 passengers after the prosecution proved that he knew he was only licensed to take 25 day-trippers.

But the three-panel court acquitted Shusmou of the charge of gross criminal negligence saying that the prosecutor had failed to prove reckless behaviour.

The eight people died when they were trapped in the Nuri's superstructure when the boat capsized. A Transportation Ministry naval expert testified in the trial that there were no adverse weather conditions that could have caused the accident, and that the fact that it was heavily overladen caused the Nuri to capsize.

Safad sages' yeshiva to be renovated

SAFAD (Itim). — The old building used by the Safad sages as a beit midrash in the 19th century will be renovated and turned into a centre for religious studies in Safad, the town's Chief Rabbi, David Dayan, has announced.

Speaking at a scholarship awarding ceremony for Safad yeshiva students who study out of town, Rabbi Dayan said that after the building is renovated a yeshiva and a kollel for married yeshiva students would be opened in the building.

WINNING NUMBERS in yesterday's Mifal Hapayis lotto draw are: 08, 15, 17, 18, 29, 37 and the additional number is 07.

Jaffa men convicted of murder conspiracy in grenade trial

TEL AVIV (Itim). — Two Jaffa men were yesterday found guilty of conspiring to murder by tossing a grenade into the home of a Jaffa couple who were supposed to testify in a large opium trial.

The grenade tossed into Shmuel and Rina Catalan's home killed Rina Ashkenazi who was sleeping in the flat. Judge Itamar Pilpel found Amos Sulami and Shimon Cohen guilty of all the charges filed by the prosecution, even though he remarked in his verdict that there were numerous contradictions in various testimonies, including that of a police officer.

Amos Sulami's brother, Ya'acov, has been sentenced to a heavy jail term for concealing a large cache of opium on the Catalan's roof. Shmuel and Rina Catalan were due to testify at his trial but the night before they were to appear in court a grenade was tossed into their flat. Rina Ashkenazi, who was keeping Rina Catalan company because her husband was in the reserves, was killed in the blast.

Rina and Shmuel Catalan eventually testified in both Ya'acov Sulami's trial — where their testimony was essential to his con-

viction — and in that of Amos Sulami and Shimon Cohen. In the latter trial they said that the two had tried to stop them from testifying in the drug dealer's trial. Sulami and Cohen were also found guilty of intimidating witnesses.

The conspiracy to murder charge was proved in part by tape-recordings of conversations between the two men while they were remanded in a police lock-up after the blast, and partly because of the testimony of a prosecution witness who claimed that the two convicted men had asked for his help in planting the grenade. Even though the prosecution witness, Yosef Harush, was declared a liar by Pilpel, the Judge decided to convict the men because of supporting evidence and the accused's own testimony.

Judge Pilpel gave his verdict in the afternoon after normal court hours in a room packed with a special police force and the convicted men's relatives. The two men entered the court room smiling but as the judge drew to the end of his long and detailed verdict they started to shout and had to be restrained by police officers.

Con-men in J'lem, police warn

Jerusalem police yesterday issued a warning to residents of the Capital against two confidence tricksters who duped at least five people into buying virtually worthless watches for IL1,000 each.

Police described the crooks' method of operation after five complaints were registered by people who had bought the expensive-looking watches. They said that one of the con-men — dressed as a tourist and speaking foreign languages — would station himself in a public place such as a bus station and offer the watch for sale saying he was stranded and broke and needed money to eat.

At this stage a man would drive up

in a taxi and start bargaining for the watch. The taxi driver would soon "discover to his dismay" that he did not have the cash to buy the watch and would express his regret saying that it was worth "thousands of pounds." During the bargaining session a crowd would gather around the two con-men and when the taxi driver "regretfully" stepped down from the deal, police said, there was always somebody in the crowd who was willing to pick up the "bargain" for IL1,000.

Police speculated that more people than those who complained about the fraud were duped by the con-men and asked the public for information that would lead to their arrest. (Itim)

Jewelry merchants report thefts

TEL AVIV (Itim). — Two large thefts of diamonds and jewelry were reported here recently. Hiltch-hitters allegedly stole IL200,000 worth of jewelry from a Jaffa merchant, Shmuel Schwartz, near a cafe here.

Schwartz complained to police that he picked up four hitch-hikers in a taxi he hired to go to Netanya. He stopped for a drink and when he returned, found the taxi gone.

The police arrested four suspects yesterday at a roadblock near Beersheba, but found none of the jewels.

Unpolished diamonds, valued at IL15,000, were stolen Monday from a diamond polishing workshop here. The thieves used a crow bar to break into the second-storey workshop, belonging to the Finkelshtein family, and took the diamonds which they found lying on a table.

300 to participate in Histadrut youth meet

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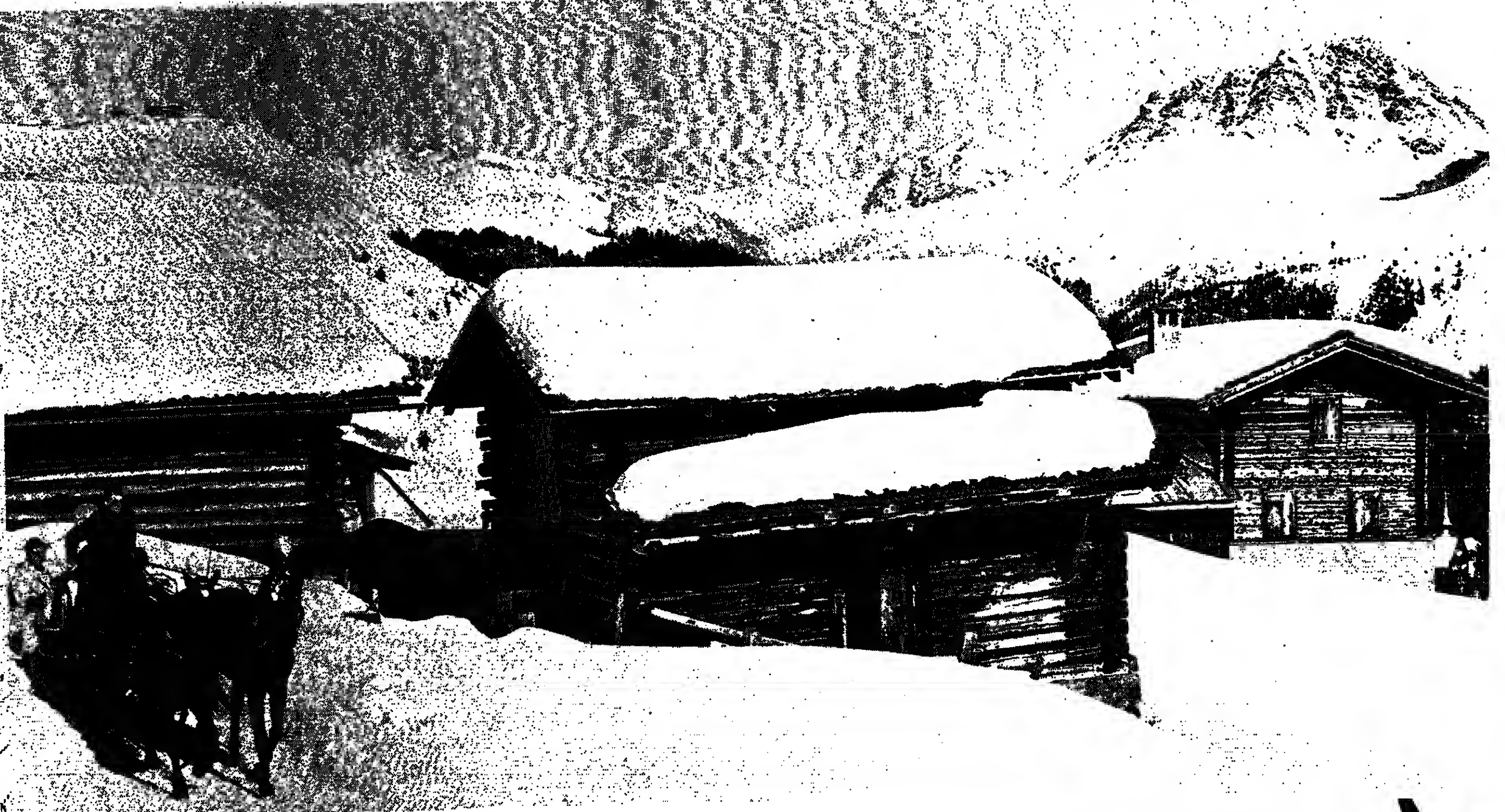
TEL AVIV. — Strong unions in the Histadrut should use their influence to get a better break for factory workers and other "underdogs." This is one of the resolutions which will be brought before the Histadrut Youth Conference in Netanya on Friday and Saturday.

At a press conference here yesterday, Shmuel Bahat of the Histadrut Youth Department said that individual Histadrut-affiliated youth organizations have always had their own conventions, but this is the first time that all the different youth organizations will be meeting together. About 300 delegates, aged between 17 and 30, will participate.

Explosive device

An explosive device was found in Beersheba's industrial zone yesterday morning and dismantled by police. There were no injuries and no damage to property.

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A RARE BALANCE

PIANO RECITAL BY ABIE VARDI (Tel Aviv, Museum, Oct. 22). Mozart: Variations in E-flat Major, Op. 33; "Franscoise"; Haydn: Variations in F minor; Beethoven: 12 Variations in A major on "Das Waldmädchen"; Sonata in C minor, Op. 11. ONE RARELY encounters a musician whose artistic personality is completely balanced between emotion and intellect, inner conviction and actual realization, musical thought and musical sound. But all of Vardi's interpretations are unmistakable expressions of these traits. Some of his playing was of the highest order.

In Haydn's F minor Variations he was magnificently attuned to the composer's almost prophetic romanticism, and produced a beautiful and touching song of sadness. Beethoven's Variations were marked by a marvellously polished tone and perfectly poised phrasing. Even in the introductory "La Belle Francoise," one of Mozart's rather

weaker pieces, Vardi did his best to make it as significant as possible.

Generally speaking, however, the first part of the recital did not provide sufficient variety. Three sets of variations are not a very happy choice and they offered scarcely any opportunity to relinquish restraint. But even though the first part, while offering a great deal of delicacy, somewhat disappointed, it helped to focus attention on the second half, which consisted of one single work, Beethoven's incredible Op. 11. One can imagine, perhaps, a more majestic and strife-torn first movement but hardly a more perfectly organized and worked-out sequence of musical ideas. The second movement suited Vardi even better: eliminating all personal motivations, he came near a convincing expression of the movement's purpose and aim: the expression of the unattainable.

CINEMA / Domini Keeble

Probing tale of a misfit

KASPAR HAUSER (Tel Aviv, Tel Aviv). Starring Bruno S., Walter Ladengast, Brigitte Mira. Directed by Werner Herzog. In French. English subtitles. THE LEGENDARY Kaspar Hauser was discovered standing mysteriously in Nuremberg's central square in 1828. Nothing was known of his origins except that he had been reared in a cellar — tied to the floor — and was accustomed to eating only the most meagre food. His tale has been tackled by the innovative German producer-director Werner Herzog, who has a fascination for society's misfits, using them to illuminate the limitations within the "normal" human being.

Hauser was illiterate, practically mute and ignorant even of the face of a man. Absorbed into the home of an elderly benefactor, Daumer (Walter Ladengast), he received his education. Herzog depicts Hauser as a quiet and gentle man with a preference for the company of

children and birds and the kindly, knitting, housekeeper (a compassionate performance from Brigitte Mira). He spurns the hypocritical representatives of the church, out-thinks the ways of abstract logic and, in a superb scene, defiantly argues the consciousness of an apple, clearly illustrating his and his benefactor's separate realities. In a ghoulish finale, doctors search for physical deformities to explain Hauser's strangeness, failing to recognize them, instead, in their own environment.

At the centre of this sombre, German tragedy is the extraordinary acting of Bruno S., whose year spent in orphanages and mental institutions infuse strength and conviction into his performance. Winner of this year's Grand Jury Prize at Cannes, "Kaspar Hauser" is a poetic, overlong masterpiece of painful and beautiful perceptions.

Game-leg private-eye with ulcers

THE LATE SHOW (Pearl, Tel Aviv, Tel Aviv). Starring Art Carney, Lily Tomlin. Directed by Robert Benton.

WHAT IS the connection between Margot's kidnapped cat and the murder of retired private-eye Harry Reagan (Howard Duff), and is there more to the Whitting robbery than a valuable collection of stamps? Ira Wells, a top-notch but ageing private detective is determined to find out — if it's the last job he does. Lumbered with a game leg, hearing aid, perched on a wheelchair and the incessant, psychiatry-geared chatter of the impetuous Margot, he courageously cleans up a complicated and nasty family intrigue. He is unreliably assisted by a flake information guy

(Bill Macey) and encounters a variety of weirdies who provide plenty of surprises, both humorous and unpleasant.

THIS is a neat, well-paced movie, strongly written and carefully directed by Robert Benton. It offers touches of warmth and compassion, a presentation of murder and excitement which neither violates the senses nor disappoints, and excellent acting from Art Carney as the sympathetic, introverted Wells and Lily Tomlin as the infuriating but finally likable Margot.

Predicated by Robert Altman, whose "3 Women" is also currently showing, "The Late Show" is a delightful, satisfying, late-night kind of entertainment.

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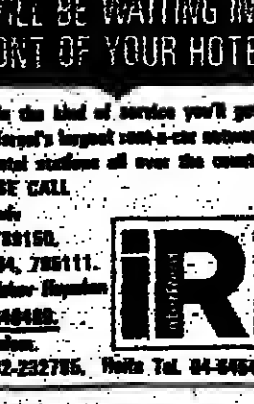
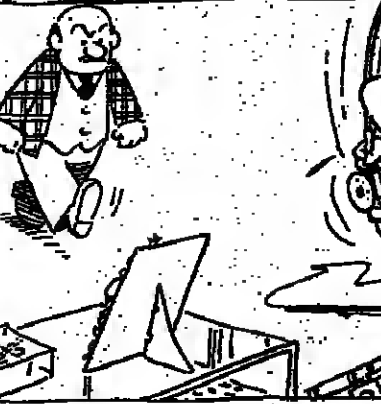
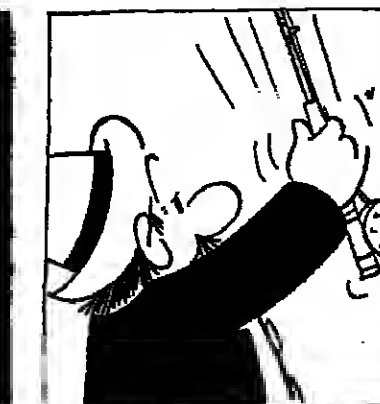
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Firing of Dimona workers delayed

Jerusalem Post Reporter
DIMONA. — Officials of the Kitan textile plant here have agreed to postpone for one month their decision to dismiss 229 of the plant's workers. This compromise was reached with workers' committee representatives at a negotiating session.

Last week the management handed the workers dismissal notices, claiming that the firm, which lost IL12m. in 1976, had to cut costs in order to stay in business. The workers objected that there had been no prior consultation with the committee, and refused to accept them or negotiate until they were rescinded.

Meshel fights rising prices

Jerusalem Post Reporter
TEL AVIV. — Yeruham Meshel, secretary-general of the Histadrut, called on the Manufacturers Association yesterday to join his federation in fighting against Government-initiated price rises. Otherwise, he warned, the employees who belong to the Association will have to compensate the workers.

"This isn't just a fight between the Histadrut and the Government," Meshel told members of the Working Women's section of the Trade Union Department. "I don't understand why the manufacturers stand on the sidelines and don't react."

Meanwhile, Uriel Abrahamowitz, chairman of the Trade Union Department, said that inflation will reach 32 per cent this year and not 27 per cent as Government sources have predicted. He said the Histadrut's trade union policy for the coming year will have to include ways to "respond quickly" to Government economic policies.

Both Meshel and Abrahamowitz mentioned creeping devaluations, creeping subsidy reductions and the easing of price controls in favour of "free market" pricing as policies which are inflationary and against the interests of the workers.

Amcor exports

Jerusalem Post Reporter
TEL AVIV. — The Amcor company is establishing three sales and promotion outlets abroad — in the U.S., England and Switzerland.

The move follows increases in exports of its main items. If in 1976 Amcor exported goods valued at \$3m, in 1977 the figure should increase by 50 per cent to \$4.5m, and in 1978, another increase of \$1.5m, is expected, bringing total exports in that year to \$6m.

In the U.S., the company will be called the "Amcor Group." It has acquired offices in Edison, New Jersey, near New York, and will market electronic insect exterminators, "solar heaters," and stands for refrigerators and mixers. In London the firm will be called "Amcor Appliances," and will concentrate on selling the electronic exterminator, commercial refrigerators, and air-conditioners. In Switzerland it will be called "Amcor Transmatic," and will sell solar heaters, and air-conditioners.

In England and in Switzerland, the offices will be run with the help of local businessmen.

El Al load factor up

BEN-GURION AIRPORT. — El Al concluded this summer season with a growth of 20 per cent on the European routes and a 10 per cent increase in passenger traffic on the North Atlantic line, the company spokesman said.

In the first nine months of 1977, the national airline carried 730,000 passengers on its European flights, 130,000 more than last year. It carried about 200,000 on the North Atlantic run, compared to 170,000 in the same period in 1976.

The following lines had particularly outstanding growth: Scandinavia, 95 per cent; Vienna and Frankfurt, 50 per cent; and Amsterdam, 25 per cent.



Leisurely gas delivery in Jerusalem's Old City. (Barzilay)

Economic recovery in industrialized nations is over, says German banker

PARIS. — The economic recovery which generally started in the autumn of 1976 is over in the great majority of industrial countries, according to Dr. Kurt Richebacher, executive manager of West Germany's Dresdner Bank.

Speaking at a conference on "The Management of Foreign Exchange Risks," organized by the International Herald Tribune with Foreign Research Ltd., Dr. Richebacher went on to say that in many countries the recovery ended as early as the middle of last year.

He said that in all countries except the U.S., "there was just a brief revival in output at the turn of the year, largely due to an inventory build-up. But since then nearly all national economies — and with them the world economy — have been going sour at a pace few people imagined possible a few months ago."

Elaborating on the future of specific countries, Dr. Richebacher

forecast austerity and devaluation for the Scandinavian countries, Turkey, Austria, Spain, Australia, Portugal and Greece. These and other small countries have committed themselves to full employment "virtually regardless of the inevitable consequences for the inflation rate and balance of payments," he said.

The result of their policy is "overvalued currency and rising wages," described by Dr. Richebacher as "an absolutely certain way of killing business profits and thus eventually business investment. The end of the story: devaluations and finally austerity." He saw little hope for a return to prosperity in the near future.

He said that only one government in the world "has really grasped the nettle and succeeded in combining monetary restraint with wage restraint." That country, he said, "is England."

Britain confident of future

By MACABEE DEAN
Jerusalem Post Reporter
TEL AVIV. — We in England are confident of our economic future — even if there still remain plenty of burdens to be jumped, Colin H. Imray, the newly-appointed commercial counsellor at the British Embassy, said yesterday.

He was speaking at a luncheon given in his honour, and also in honour of the trade mission of the London Chamber of Commerce and Industry, by the Anglo-Israel Chamber of Commerce (Israel).

Imray, who arrived only two days ago, after completing a tour of duty in Pakistan, compared the "Economic picture of England today and one year ago." Then, the future looked "dismal." The exchange rate was falling, the minimum interest

lending rate was 15 per cent, inflation was high, and unemployment was a most serious problem. But after the government tackled the problems, the situation changed for the better.

Today, the exchange rate has improved, the North Sea oil was beginning to contribute its share, the stock market was in a good mood, exports were increasing, the balance of payments was more favourable, strikes were at a low point, and inflation was slowing down.

"Nevertheless," Imray said, "we can't rest on our laurels, for if inflation has stopped climbing, it is still too high, there are too many anomalies in the pay structure, our economy is stagnant, unemployment is still at six per cent, and the North Sea oil is only a temporary asset."

Inflation—pushed or pulled?

By SHELOMO MAOZ
Jerusalem Post Reporter
There are no clear signs yet of any economic recovery, and although price inflation has accelerated, this has been caused mainly by cost pushes and for the time being there is no demand-caused push on prices. This emerges from the latest survey of economic developments which will be published shortly by the Bank of Israel.

Nevertheless, the central bank's survey warns that the increased liquidity — mainly caused by higher public expenditure — may cause demand inflation in the future and impair Israel's competitiveness.

Both private and public expenditure have gone up in recent months, the bank's survey says, and the third quarter of the year has seen a steep rise in public expenditure. This, in particular, has pumped large amounts of cash into the economy and made it possible for the business sector to translate cost increases into higher prices. The rise in real wages in the public sector, which pulled up wages in other sectors too, augmented the monetary expansion.

The third quarter of 1977 saw a further improvement in the current balance of payments, with exports growing significantly while imports rose more slowly. Nevertheless, the Bank of Israel survey is concerned about an apparent deterioration in the profitability of exports, as a result of accelerated domestic price inflation in recent months. The more rapid rate of inflation may, in turn, generate more inflationary expectations among the public.

Bank of Israel officials also pointed out with concern the rapid expansion of commercial bank credit, which rose by IL2.7b. since February and reached IL12b. in the second half of October. Last month alone, the survey says, credit expanded by IL1b. In January, com-

mercial credit was IL3.3b., and thus rose by 25 per cent, while prices rose by 21 per cent.

The survey notes that the gross national product rose in the first half of the year and stabilised itself at a level above that of the second half of 1976, but most of the increase was due to higher consumption. Investment, on the other hand, sank still lower, reflecting that the economy — and particularly the industrial sector — had not yet adjusted to the recessionist trends in the domestic market and had substantial excess capacity.

At the same time, some economists pointed out, the data did not explain or reveal any significant trend for investment in export industries to rise, which might have offset the slowdown in investments oriented towards the domestic market.

The survey discerns, however, some signs of investment picking up in the third quarter of the year, since imports of capital goods have risen somewhat.

There are also some indications that residential construction in the private sector is picking up. Sales of finished flats have gone up by 20 per cent in the second quarter and by 17 per cent in the first quarter. Public residential construction, however, remains stagnant, mainly as a result of low immigration.

Industrial output, which rose in the first quarter of the year, has not increased any further, but still remains above the 1976 level. There has been no significant increase in industrial employment, and unemployment remains at the 3.6 per cent level. At the same time, employment of workers from the administered territories continues to decline.

One welcome development according to the survey, is that employment in the Government service has stopped growing.

Higher sea cargo rates to Europe

By YAA'AOV ARDON
Jerusalem Post Reporter
HAIFA. — Sea cargo rates between here and north and north-west Europe will go up again next January, the Shippers Council has informed this week by the north-west European and Scandinavian conferences. The reason for the increases are the higher operating costs for seagoing vessels.

Shippers Council secretary Arieh Mehoual said yesterday that Israeli importers and exporters will pay this year a total sea cargo bill of IL6b., compared with less than IL5b. last year. This year the maritime conferences and independent shipping lines increased their charges by seven to 15 per cent.

More bleak news comes from the U.S., where a strike has paralyzed East Coast ports since the beginning of the month. The ports of New York, Baltimore and several others have stopped handling all container traffic. "Contrary to earlier reports the end of the strike is not in sight," Mehoual said. Zim's regular fortnightly service delivering 100 to 120 containers on each voyage has been upset by the strike. The next sailing to the U.S. East Coast is only scheduled for November 20. Zim has suggested to some exporters that they ship their exports as conventional, uncontainerized cargo, and some have done so.

The Aharon Rosenfeld & Sons Agency hopes that the strike will be over by the time the "Export Freedom" freighter, which completed loading here this week, will reach the U.S., but imports from the U.S. are "stuck" in the ports.

"It is certain that this month our export figures will shrink because of the strike," Mehoual said.

New products lead Iscar export drive

By ARYEH GREENFIELD
Special to the Jerusalem Post
NAHARIYA. — Several innovative products will lead Iscar's drive for greater exports next year. In 1976 the company's foreign sales totalled some \$3.5m., with \$5.2m. the target for this year. Partial data indicate this goal will be reached.

At the recent Hannover Machine Tool Fair, Iscar's exhibit attracted considerable attention, largely thanks to its novel parting tool. Used on lathes to cut off sections from the rapidly revolving work piece, such parting tools are used in the hundreds of thousands all over the world.

Iscar engineers have now introduced a major new approach to the design of this implement. Rather than requiring a complex holder, it consists of a single thin blade, held by an equally simple, but carefully machined toolholder. At its front end, this blade is equipped with a wedge-shaped indentation, designed to hold a small carbide cutting tip.

The manner in which the tip fits into the indentation is the new design's central idea. Orders already received indicate that exports of this item alone will amount to at least \$1m. next year. A similar amount will result from the sale of a novel air turbine for dental applications, developed and manufactured by Adimec Ltd., an Iscar subsidiary.

Lighter, with fewer parts and therefore less expensive, the Adimec turbine fits equipment now used by dentists all over the world.

To match this entry into the dental equipment field, Iscar and Adimec have also begun to manufacture high-quality dental drills and burs. These utilize Iscar's special carbide tips, shaped to their various required configurations by unique automatic machinery, much of it developed by Adimec's own specialists.

Orders are already on hand for the entire production of the next twelve months.

violet ray water sterilizer

Jerusalem Post Reporter
An ultra-violet sterilizer has been developed by a team of Haifa University Technicians.

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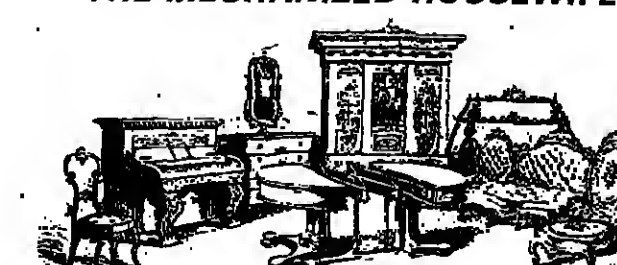
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Growding in at the top

AT LONG LAST, there is light at the end of the tunnel. With the coming appointment of just two more ministers, these without portfolio, and several more deputy ministers, the task of making up the administration approved by the Knesset more than four months ago will finally have been completed.

The Begin Government, as the Premier justifiably boasted, is the second most broadly based in the nation's history. For apparently that same reason, however, it also appears as very nearly the most elephantine and unwieldy. It is about to consist of 19 ministers, two fewer than the Rabin regime, but of even more top officials if deputy ministers are counted as well.

This is a far cry from the tightly economical cabinet envisaged early on by Prof. Rom's administrative reform committee.

The broadened base is the result of the Democratic Movement for Change joining in this week. The DMC's inclusion may have the effect of loosening the religious parties' grip on Mr. Begin, and of relaxing Mr. Begin's hold on the cabinet. But because some compensation was due to the DMC for agreeing to forgo previous insistence on its famous "conditions," the party was allowed a degree of freedom from coalition discipline that is unprecedented.

Thus the DMC will have the right to transfer decisions on new settlements to the Foreign Affairs and Defence Committee of the Knesset; it will be entitled to abstain in Knesset votes on Judea and Samaria, and to vote as it pleases on religious matters and on electoral reform. It will, however, have to side with the Government in confidence votes.

The stability of administration need not therefore be affected. But orderly government will not necessarily be the beneficiary. Quite apart from their impact on overall policies, the four DMC ministers should nevertheless be a valuable addition to a not very distinguished roster of Likud and NRP representatives. Since they come somewhat late to their jobs, they will, however, have their hands full with work already started by others, or sorely neglected.

Mr. Shmuel Tamir may not be everyone's idea of "the conscience of the nation," as he himself defined the role of a Minister of Justice, but he is a professional with few peers. It will be interesting to watch him grapple with some of the new "law-and-order" legislation proposed within the Government which he has gone on record as opposing.

At Transport and Communications, Mr. Meir Amit would have ample scope to demonstrate that a true technocrat can solve problems that have defied all politicians before him.

As head of the newly formed department of Labour and Social Betterment, Dr. Yisrael Katz, an eminent specialist in welfare, could show that the long-mooted combination of the activities now under his control is indeed salutary, and should, as promised, eventually embrace Health, too.

The most enigmatic role among the DMC quartet is that assigned to the party's leader, Prof. Yigael Yadin. Stripped of the purely honorific title of Deputy Premier — and aborn of the function of Acting Premier, reserved for occasions of Mr. Begin's absence — Prof. Yadin emerges as simply another Minister — without Portfolio.

There is little prospect that he will play the role of chief adviser to the Premier in that post; and with Dr. Katz in charge of most social betterment functions, it is hard to see what "coordinating" in that field would be required of him.

The pundits, of course, believe that Yadin's very presence in the cabinet could dissolve old alliances and shape new ones, and in the process get him to the top of the line of succession. Maybe so; the country will have to wait and see.

Behind the smiles

A WELCOME VISIT was paid to this country during the past two days by U.S. Secretary of the Treasury Michael Blumenthal. His principal host was Finance Minister Simcha Ehrlich, and the two, accompanied by top aides, appeared to have conducted useful talks on the outstanding problems and prospects in the field of economic cooperation and financial assistance between Israel and the U.S.

Prime Minister Begin, too, saw Mr. Blumenthal briefly. After the meeting Mr. Begin came out to predict that American aid to Israel would not be reduced and might even be raised.

This was heartwarming news, no doubt inspired by the Secretary's personal assurances. It did not, however, entirely jibe with Mr. Ehrlich's stern warning, upon his return from Washington recently, that Israel should not expect the U.S. to keep subsidizing them for long to the tune of something like \$2.3b. annually.

Moreover, America's willingness to carry this burden, even for a while longer, depends on considerations that are less economic than political. The final decision on it therefore lies not with Secretary Blumenthal but with President Carter.

Mr. Begin, as is his wont, seized on this opportunity to assure the people that no cutoff in American aid was being threatened as a result of any possible clash with the U.S. He, of course, also denies that any such clash is in the offing.

This penchant for accentuating the positive, in disregard of any negative facts, was severely criticized yesterday in a newspaper article by Likud MK Zalman Shoval. With the advantage of several weeks' service as a member of the Israel delegation to the current session of the General Assembly, Mr. Shoval, writing from New York, urged the administration — that is, in effect, Mr. Begin — to keep the pre-election promise of telling the truth to the country.

Perhaps the chances for that have improved with the entry of the DMC — on the very ground of a national emergency — into the government. Certainly Mr. Blumenthal's own visit, friendly in spirit though it was, served to point out the accumulating tension.

It was not the fault of the Secretary that the State Department had decreed an "official tour" for him in western Jerusalem, and a strictly "private tour" in the eastern part of the capital. This diplomatic reduplication of the city has been more-or-less settled American practice for years. The latest example was, however, the most blatant — and it led to Mayor Kollek's refusal to play host to the American guest.

The Americans contend that they must do this to block any suggestion of formal recognition of what Israel calls the capital's reunification, and the U.S., among others, terms the annexation of East Jerusalem.

But if that were the only reason, then, as Mr. Kollek rightly said, it would behoove the U.S. to at least acknowledge Israel's sovereignty in West Jerusalem — by moving their embassy here, as pledged by the Democrats in the last presidential election. Surely it would not need even the smallest frontier "recognition" to have this part of the city recognized as belonging to Israel.

As for East Jerusalem, U.S. policy on this issue is too well known to require public demonstration of the kind attempted on the occasion of Mr. Blumenthal's visit.

The ineluctable conclusion is that the U.S. has again gone out of its way to appease the Arabs, even at the risk of discourtesy to Israel. Mr. Kollek took a reciprocal risk in order to defend the dignity of the capital. In doing so he expressed a deeply felt popular sentiment.

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READERS' LETTERS

CONSERVATIVE CONVERSIONS

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — Your editorial and news columns have made frequent reference to the term, "Conservative conversions in accordance with the Halacha." Please note that this is a self-contradictory concept, much like speaking of a square circle. The error arises from the commonly held belief that Tziva and circumcision, in the case of a male, are the essence of conversion to Judaism. In truth, while these are essential elements of the conversion rite, they are but symbols of an inner change. The basic halachic requirement for conversion is the bona fide acceptance of the yoke of Heaven, i.e. the rule of Halacha. Now, how can a Bet Din that does not itself recognize the binding force of the Halacha certify to another person's good faith acceptance of its authority?

A Conservative Bet Din could conceivably attest to a person's acceptance of the Conservative interpretation of Halacha, but it could not be a partner to a conversion which accords with the Halacha as prescribed and observed by at least 95 per cent of Jews who observe Jewish law. I use this figure because, while Conservative congregations in the United States may have large membership roles, unfortunately, only a tiny percentage of these members can be regarded as observant Jews, even by Conservative definitions. Therefore the number of Jews in the world who observe the Mitzvot is at least 95 per cent Orthodox.

Nothing is to be gained by confusing the issues. There is complete and total freedom of religion in Israel. Conservative and Reform synagogues function without interference of any kind. However, what we cannot permit is an attempt by non-Orthodox Jews to impose their rejection of the Halacha on others. A Bet Din predicated on the viability of Halacha can hardly grant a conversion in accordance with the Halacha. When they propose that Conservative or Reform rabbis be recognized as members of a tribunal that will attest to an individual's readiness to convert to Judaism in accordance to the Halacha, I think we are taking matters too far.

RABBI PINCHAS STOLPER,
Executive Vice President,
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Congregations of America
New York.

REPREENSIBLE NEWS BROADCAST

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — The broadcast, originating here in Israel, of the news that a German plane carrying anti-terrorist commandos had landed at Mogadishu airport might well have cost the lives of the hostages aboard the Lufthansa aircraft, and certainly endangered the rescue mission.

I think the transmission to the public of such news in such circumstances is reprehensible; and to have such a story broken by Israeli media is — in the light of Israeli experience with terrorism — almost incomprehensible.

It seems to me that we journalists — and most particularly, our editors — need to re-examine our priorities and responsibilities. We have, I think, no special mandate to endanger human lives for the sake of a news story.

MICHAEL ELKINS
BBC — Newsweek
Jerusalem.

TOASTMASTERS' CLUB

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — In the course of a recent Sabbath leave which I spent in the United States, I joined a Toastmasters' Club. Toastmasters' clubs are non-profit associations formed for the purpose of promoting and improving their members' techniques of public speaking and managing meetings. The means to these ends are constructive criticism and mutual aid. Meetings are conducted according to a set pattern. The topic for discussion is proposed by one member and subsequently each member is encouraged to speak for two minutes. Several prepared speeches are also delivered. These are evaluated and discussed, and eventually the best speaker of the evening is elected by ballot.

Prior to my return, I enquired at the Toastmasters' headquarters about the address of the Israeli branch. Much to my disappointment, I was informed that there was none. However, it was suggested that I try to found one. Since I was a Toastmaster for a brief period only, I am on the lookout for some former Toastmasters who might care to cooperate in this venture and whom I would request to contact me at the address below.

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POSTSCRIPTS

A YEAR before the Yom Kippur War the late Moshe Weizman, founder and President of the Weizmann Institute of Science, indulged in a fine bit of prophecy and pleading.

He had sent a copy of his autobiography, "So Far," to Hannah Ruppin, widow of his long-time friend Dr. Arthur Ruppin, who had himself been responsible for the purchase of much of the land now farmed in Israel. She thanked him for the book, and in return came a passionate letter telling her to persuade her son-in-law, archaeologist and former chief of staff, Yigael Yadin, to leave his academic ivory tower and go into politics.

Weizman wrote, on July 2, 1972: "The truth of the matter is that Dr. Arthur Ruppin and I carried on a love affair for many years... the same kind of love affair I had with Shmarya Levin. It is sad beyond words that we don't have these kind of people around us any more. I don't know whether I am overly pessimistic about the present or unduly nostalgic for the past, but when I think back over the dazzling galaxy of great men I met — Ahad Ha'am,

Weizmann, Shmarya Levin, Arthur Ruppin, Jabotinsky, Meir Grossman and many others, not all of whom I agreed with politically, and look about the Israeli scene today, I feel desolate. There is no one — or hardly anyone — that can, in the remotest way, reach ad Karushelam: ("to their ankles"). With one exception perhaps — and this is no mere flattery. That is your own son-in-law, who also chose to be a professor rather than a statesman... It is just because Yigael is not meddled in politics that I think he could raise his voice like the prophets of yore without fear or favour and tell the Israelis what is wrong with them. Because I am sure — as sure as we are alive today — that the day of reckoning will yet come to us.

"Why I pour out my wrath to you I don't know, but somehow your warm letter led me to these reflections." "Dear Hannah, for my sake and in my name, convey my sentiments to your son-in-law. There is nobody else I can think of in this country who has the duty and the ability to speak up. He did touch upon these matters lightly in an interview the

BENDING THE TRUTH

What Israel really craves, today the country's critics fail no less than yesterday, writes claim, but a minimal degree of territorial aggrandizement, as some modest frontier change

THE OUTSIDE WORLD finds it convenient, for reasons of its own, to support the Arab view on a Middle East settlement. Not wanting to be excessively barbed about it, commentators abroad have changed the facts and re-arranged events in a way that puts Israel squarely in the wrong.

What the Free World should be telling us is that we ought to consider making considerable territorial sacrifices, because the Arabs are pressing hard, and the Arabs are very influential nowadays in international affairs. That would be a fair statement.

The Israel Government is keen on going to Geneva, because it entertains a faint hope that some compromise can be hammered out between the 1967 borders insisted on by Assad and Sadat, and the Jordan river border that is Israel's true frontier according to true-blue Herut ideologists.

Critics of Israel's policies hear what they want to hear, and are deaf when it suits them. Moshe Dayan, speaking in those heady days immediately after the triumphs of the Six Day War, when he was Defence Minister, stated publicly that he did not want to see Nablus in the Jewish State.

A VISITING Canadian diplomat, after a trip, at her request, Green Line (the 1967 border), she had packed a lunch in readiness for the journey and had had no time to eat. The line was a morning's on foot from her seashore hotel.

The Israelis refuse to negotiate with the PLO because it spells surrender of that minimal territory that this country needs to survive. Israel recognizes legitimate rights of the Palestinians to one Arab state within the bar historic Palestine, not two. A more vigilant accusers do not we hear. Where we say one State, stating of the Jordan kingdom. (If peace negotiations successful) sizeable chunks a West Bank, they hear no State. Israel's readiness to bring its tier back from the Jordan River the foothills of the West Bank stone's throw away from the would amount to a major concession involving serious risks for the country's security. But to withdraw the way to Kfar Sava, and to Arafat create a second Palestinian state between Kalkiya and the Jordan means to lay the ground for possible dissolution of the Jewish republic, which is something the republic's inhabitants — all intrinsically, if you will — are prepared to stomach.

Since then, the argument has not been whether Israel should retreat, but how much. The Likud Government, under Herut leader Menachem Begin, condemns the recent joint U.S.-Soviet statement of policy, because it makes no mention of Security Council Resolution 242 — which demands bluntly the "withdrawal of Israeli armed forces from territories occupied in the recent conflict" (that is, the war of 1967).

What then is the argument really all about? It is about areas, mostly empty of Arabs, that are imperative to give Israel a few hundred square kilometres of tactical leeway (not strategic depth, that cannot be achieved), so that she can deploy some kind of defence before an Arab invader is at her throat.

The foreign commentators believe that we should accept the same. Well and good, they're right to their opinion. But should, in all fairness, give the reasons behind their conclusion that it suits the outside power better up Arab susceptibilities that Israel weighs very little balance of international strategy. They should not dress up Realpolitik in the garb of morality. To depict the Zionist as an expansionist regime, like grabbing by military force than its share of the earth's sun — that is to distort the facts, desire to put a nobler, purer gloss on the commentators' Machiavellian reasoning is not a justification, bending the truth.

Needless to say, if Israel conducts itself like a military mini-colony, occupying neighbouring territories by force (the word "imperialism" is even used), the upshot must be another Middle Eastern war. This is considered perilous for the world; though not, one assumes (supposing the analysis to be correct), at all untimely to Israel.

The truth is that of all countries on the globe, the one that finds the prospect of a Middle East war most terrifying and repellent is Israel. Every fit male up to the age of 50 (except for the few in reserved occupations) will be called up.

Jewish blood was shed in the country's four major wars since 1948. Many of those in their fifties either fought in World War II or suffered torments more terrible than the holocaust.

Now they must watch their offspring, born (they had hoped) to a life of peace in the land of redemption, go out and face a fire-power more deadly than anything known before — derived from weaponry poured into the region by the Russians, the British, the French and the Americans, in exchange for petrodollars.

And we are supposed to be gratuitously provoking this bloody encounter, against the will of the Arabs (who only want a "just and lasting peace"), because we choose to be avid for territories we do not need, and because we insist on ignoring "the legitimate rights of the Palestinians."

THERE IS A patent contradiction here. Any right-thinking observer who takes a serious look at the Israel Government's policy on territories, will find that the territory it is in fact ready to evacuate in return for peace comprises the bulk of the administered areas, and that what Israel really insists on retaining is, in terms of acreage, so small and unimportant as to be surely the smallest bone of contention at the centre of any major international conflict.

The observer will also discover that the historic Messianic claim of Israel to Judea and Samaria has largely been abandoned.

The Alignment parties, in power up to recently, have said that in many words. The Likud, who succeeded them, stick to historicity. But in practice their spokesmen have made it clear that traditional all-or-nothing policies must be modified, to take account of current pressures. The DMC, by entering the Cabinet, have reinforced this trend.

As a matter of fact, Mrs. Ruppin did not deliver the message at the time. "They were so busy and always travelling around," she said. Since then, Carmela Yadin, her daughter, has died at an early age. "I only remembered the letter when Yigael came back from the U.S. the other day," Mrs. Ruppin explained.

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